

# BART Silicon Valley Corridor Preparation: Kato Road Grade Separation FACT SHEET

## Overview

In 2002, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) acquired fifteen miles of property (right of way) from the Union Pacific Railroad including approximately eight miles from Grimmer Boulevard in Fremont to Montague Expressway in Milpitas. This property allows the future BART Silicon Valley Project to be built alongside the existing Union Pacific railroad tracks.

To transform this very important corridor, a separation is planned for where Kato Road crosses the railroad tracks in Fremont. This separation will be created by lowering Kato Road, so that it passes beneath the current ground/street level railroad tracks. A grade separation is a physical separation of two different travel movements. In this case, the movements are trains/transit and vehicle/pedestrians.

## Objective

VTA, in partnership with the City of Fremont, has a goal of reducing safety concerns at intersections where freight and auto traffic mix. This grade separation project enhances safety because it completely separates roadway traffic from freight trains and the future BART Silicon Valley system.

## Project Cost and Funding

\$22.1 million, funded by 2000 Measure A and Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account

## Benefits

- Reduces traffic and congestion at crossing
- Decreases vehicle emissions and commute times
- Removes gate bells and train horns at intersection
- Improves pedestrian safety and access



## Projected Schedule

Construction:	Fall 2011 – Spring 2013
Partial Kato Rd. Closure:	Fall 2011 – Summer 2012 (One lane each direction)
Full Kato Rd. Closure:	Summer 2012 – Winter 2013 (Approx. 9 months)
End Construction:	Spring 2013

## To Learn More

Informative outreach to the surrounding community is an important aspect of the Kato Road Grade Separation Project. VTA will provide advance notification of all construction activities and traffic updates through the mail and continued website updates.

Please sign up for project email updates at [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org)

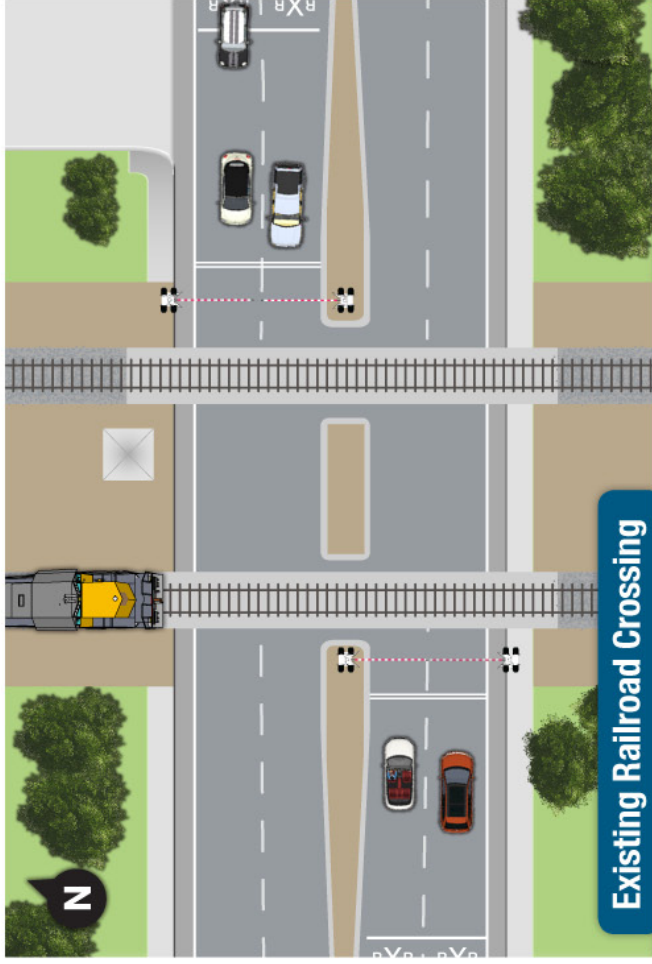
## How to Reach Us

If you would like to be added to a project mailing list, have any questions, comments/concerns, or would like to have a project representative meet with you please contact VTA Community Outreach at: Phone: (408) 934-2662 TTY: (408) 321-2330 Email: [vtabart@vta.org](mailto:vtabart@vta.org)

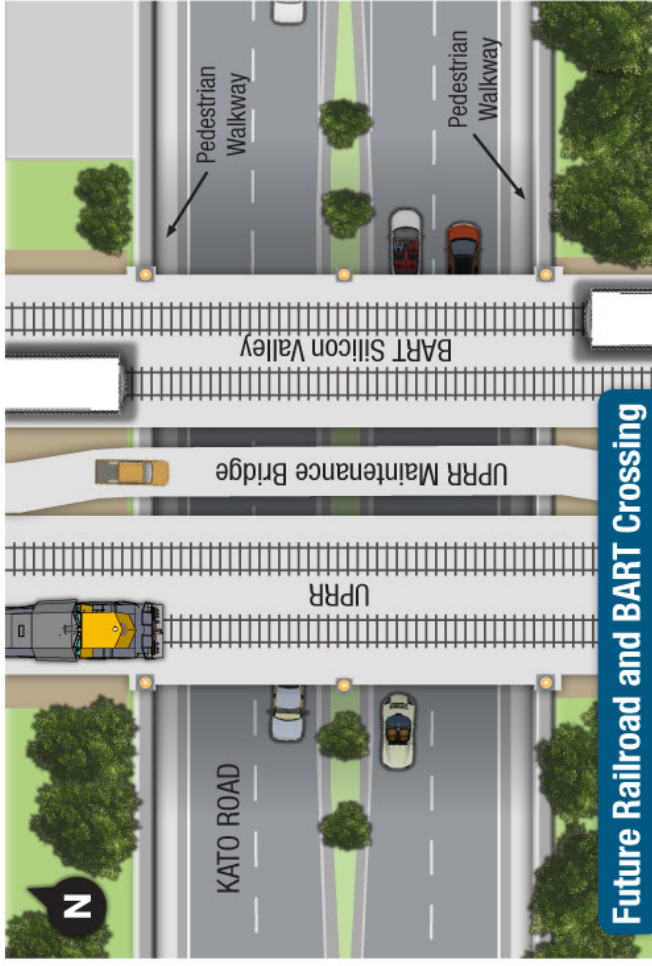
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Existing Railroad Crossing



Future Railroad and BART Crossing



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Grade Separation Example